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County Commission Recommends 1¢ Sales Tax For Courthouses And Jails

The Coffee County Commission met on Monday, February 12, before a packed courtroom in Elba, and voted to request the county legislative delegation to sponsor local legislation authorizing the Coffee County Commission to impose a one percent (1%) county sales tax with the proceeds to be used specially and solely for the erection of a courthouse and jail in Enterprise, and the renovation of the courthouse and jail in Elba.

The meeting was moved to the courtroom due to the large number of interested citizens and the controversial courthouse issue was brought up when Probate Judge James Sawyer asked County Attorney Braxton Rowe to discuss a pending lawsuit brought against the county to provide a jail in Enterprise.

Commissioner Don Smith presented a resolution to the Commission stating, "THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS: The conditions, both physical and legal, of the courthouses in Coffee County are known to this Commission.

"There is no jail in Enterprise, although one is required by law, and there is a pending suit against this Commission to require it to erect a jail in Enterprise in order to comply with the law. The jail in Elba is inadequate, which fact has been brought to the attention of this Commission by the sheriff on numerous occasions.

"The Commission is aware of these facts, and its duty to comply with the law to provide adequate courthouse and jail facilities for the county.

"Coffee County does not have adequate revenue with which to remedy the conditions herein stated.

"Now, therefore, in order for the Coffee County Commission to have the necessary funds to finance the public building needs of the county, it is compelled to request legislation to authorize this Commission to impose a tax to produce revenue sufficient to finance the cost of the public building needs of the county.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Coffee County Commission that the Coffee County legislative delegation be, and they are requested to, sponsor local

legislation authorizing the Coffee County Commission to impose a one percent (1%) county sales tax with the proceeds therefrom to be used specially and solely for the erection of a courthouse and jail in Enterprise, and the renovation of the courthouse and jail in Elba, with the tax to expire and terminate at such times as all debt created by this Commission and expended for such purposes, together with the interest thereon, has been paid in full, and with the further provision that the Commission may pledge the revenue from said sales tax to pay the indebtedness incurred for such improvements.

"Done this twelfth day of February, 1979."

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution, and it was seconded by Commissioner Bennie Beckham. The motion was then brought up for discussion, and everyone listened as several speakers addressed the Commission.

"There is a jail at the courthouse in Enterprise, and it has never been officially closed," stated Commissioner Rex Boutwell, "just along the way, it was no longer used. With a little work, the jail could be remodeled to serve as a minimal security jail. This way we will meet the legal requirements and not have to place an additional

tax on the people of the county."

"I'm afraid a Federal suit is upcoming over the poor condition of the jail," said Commissioner Smith, "and I think we should do something before a Federal judge orders us to build a new one."

"An additional tax would hurt businesses in the county," added Boutwell. "It would raise the price of cars, tractors, etc., and the people would go out of the county to save money."

"People are fussing over the jail like children fussing about candy," said Elba Mayor Robert Folsom. "There is plenty of room behind the current jail in Elba to build an annex, and the added cells would bring the jail up to legal requirements. The law states Elba is the county seat, and Enterprise has an annex, not a courthouse! The courthouse had a jail and still has it. It could be used as a holding tank. It's not fair to the people to add a tax. You can operate the county within your budget if you try, don't see why you (the Commission) should burden the people with a sales tax. The solution is to fix the jail in Elba and reopen the one in Enterprise."

Continuing, Mayor Folsom stated, "If Elba and Enterprise would stop fussing,

something could be done. If they can't agree, then make the West's Bridge Road the boundary and split the county. This side will be Coffee County, and the other side will be Enterprise County. Then both sides will see how long it takes to go bankrupt."

"The people are dead-set to build a new jail and courthouse in Enterprise," added Folsom, "and it's just not right. Elba has offered to donate land for a new jail to be built on, but you really don't need it. There is plenty of room to add on at the current jail. If you (the Commission) would spend \$150,000 for an addition, we'd have the best jail in the state."

Judge Sawyer told Mayor Folsom the discussion centered around a new jail and not a courthouse, but a local newsman stated, "The resolution calls for a new courthouse and a new jail."

Commissioner Boutwell again stated, "There is already a jail in the courthouse in Enterprise - it's just not being used. It could be re-opened to meet the needs of the county."

"I live in Elba," stated Bow Dunaway, "but I have roamed the world and am an adopted citizen of Coffee County. I don't think you people are representing us. This isn't the horse and buggy days - we can go from one end of the county to the other in 30 minutes. We don't need two courthouses."

"If you (the Commission) want to build a new jail," said Dunaway, "why not in Elba first. We pay taxes, too! Give us first consideration because we are the county seat. We deserve first consideration!"

"Our elderly can't afford to pay additional taxes on their fixed incomes," added Dunaway, "and they shouldn't have to. You can afford the one-cent tax, but could you if all you got was \$120 a week in Social Security? It's not right to force a tax on these people."

In closing, Dunaway declared, "We people in the west part of the county are tired of being pushed around. We've had a belly full, and we're tired of it!"

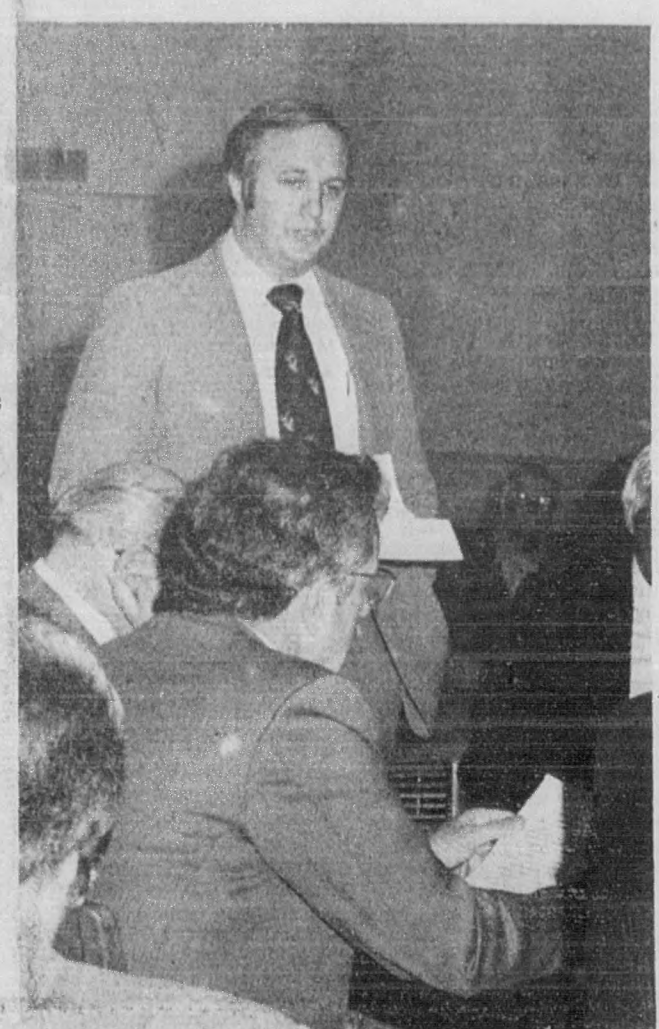
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up, saying, "There is no problem! Elba is the county seat and if a new courthouse and jail are built, they should be built here - in Elba. This is the county seat - not Enterprise!"

An unidentified spectator stated, "I'm from New Brockton, but I agree that Elba is the county seat and should have the courthouse. All the maps in the world show Elba is the county seat, and it's history. If the courthouse is moved, I feel New Brockton would be the best site because it's the center of the county."

Another spectator shouted, "If you don't have the money to build it, don't do it. We don't need more taxes."

Probate Judge James L. Sawyer told the large gathering, "We tried to give the people a chance to voice their opinions by holding a referendum election, but the law stated we couldn't do it. The Commission can only deal with the problems we have - we can't move the courthouse."

Commissioner Don Smith interrupted and restated the fact: "I know Elba is the county seat. Nobody has mentioned changing the county seat."

"We've been criticized as a do-nothing Commission," stated Commissioner Beckham, "but we are trying to find an answer. We are making an effort to do what's right. I think the biggest problem is the tax to pay for the buildings. I am not for putting additional tax on people until the people ask for it."

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"If the people don't agree with the resolution, let them vote it down," said Beckham, "but, give them a chance to vote."

Commissioner Boutwell made a motion to table voting on the resolution until February 19 to give the Commission more time to study the proposal.

Voting for the motion were Commissioners Rex Boutwell, Jack Hornsby and Glimmer Grant, while voting against it were Commissioners Don Smith, Bennie Beckham and Max Reeves, Probate Judge James L. Sawyer broke the tie by voting against the motion.

"We need to vote to adopt the resolution," said Judge Sawyer, but before the vote could be taken Rep. Jimmy Holley asked to address the commission.

"I would like to comment on the meeting as a representative of the people and as a citizen of Coffee County," said Holley. "I've heard a lot of talk here this morning about money and taxes. To add a one-cent sales tax would hurt the business in the county. It is the most regressive tax and it hurts the people that earn a small income more than the wealthy."

"This county is \$35,000 in debt. The legal debt limit," added Holley, "and the commission is directly responsible for the debt. To implement this resolution would put the county even further in debt."

"I represent 90% of the population of this county," stated Rep. Holley, "and I will play an important part in the progress of this resolution. In the past, I have been asked about legislation concerning the county, but this time I wasn't asked to state my opinion. Well, you can pass all the resolutions you want and not ask me anything, but I can assure you that before any resolution is passed by the legislature, it must go through Jimmy Holley and I will speak-up on the matter as I see fit."

"We are an independent board and do what we feel is best," said Judge Sawyer. "I'm not sure I shouldn't take your statement as a threat."

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Utility Board Adjusts School & Church Rates

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday, but without the presence of Chairman Charles Hayes, who was sick. Mayor Folsom presided over the short meeting which was late starting because board member Cleo Hawkins was delayed while overseeing the work of an electrical problem at a transformer.

The members reviewed the financial business during the past month, discussed the list of late paying customers and did some rate adjusting before adjourning. Schools and churches had been previously classified as large commercial but were reclassified as small commercial, thus cutting their

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utility bills considerably. This action is retroactive to January and was unanimous.

The board members were told that they had \$1404.84 due from 28 consumers as late payments; \$463.71 in 18 inactive accounts with deposits to be applied, and \$138.17 from five customers with their meters pulled.

The power bill to Elba from AEC was \$12,343.71, and the utility billed out \$143,306.32 in electricity, including over \$2000 used by the city itself. Monthly bills totaled \$10,533.08, salaries were in addition to this. Electric sales showed a \$12,000 "profit" to pay the bond payments, etc.

The water division made only \$81.62 during the month due to large repair bills to water wells and motors. As usual the maintenance of the sewage systems was a loss to the utilities because they have to maintain, and the city general fund gets the sewerage fees for bond payments. The operating cost for January was \$2113.92.

The board discussed the problem of the open part of the meeting, Board members approved payment of proposed bills; approved Mrs. Sonja Helms, as a speech therapist, beginning March 19,

When Governor Fob James declared a 6 percent proration of state education money last week it meant a loss of \$75,000 in funds for the Elba City School System.

"We hope the cutback will not affect the quality of education," said Supt. of Education Elmer Taylor, "but it will have a drastic effect on our entire system. We will have to make big cuts in maintenance, equipment and transportation and it will also force a cutback in the buying of instructional aids for the teachers."

Much of the money received by local school boards is earmarked for specific purposes and that state law does not permit shifting money from one area to another. The main problem incurred by local boards comes because some budget line items cannot be easily prorated, although the 6 percent proration is supposed to be across the board cut.

"The legislature appropriates tax money for education in October," explained Taylor, "but the estimated amount of tax money wasn't collected. The state anticipated a 13.52% increase in tax money, but the actual increase was only 10.8%. The Governor recognized the deficit and prorated a 6 percent cut to all school systems in the state."

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 IS WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BUT IT IS CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

POOR ORIGINAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Fern Cox

We got a compliment on our front page of last week. A subscriber commented that it was the best one we had had in a long time. This came to me to look a back and see just what we had done right. The conclusion was that it was not our journalistic ability, but the news content that had drawn the praise. The front page was dominated by stories of progressive actions. The progressive thinking lady paid us a compliment but really she was praising Elba and the responsible people of Elba who are thinking of the future and appear to have their heads out of the sand.

The commissioners committed a cardinal sin Monday, when they passed a resolution on the courthouse situation involving necessary action by Representative Jimmy Holey without first giving Holey some input into the details. They have had a gentleman's agreement in the past not to do such things and the action Monday did upset Mr. Holey, and justly so. It is a matter of someone not thinking, because there is no way they can move without Holey's help.

Earmarking of funds for education has become a major issue of debate in the state. Both the State Superintendent of Education and Paul Hubbard's AEA are opposing Governor James' proposal to un earmark and are organizing people to contact legislators on the proposal in the new constitution. We were marinating our committee agenda to attend a rally in Enterprise Monday night, but Sheriff Grantham needed some pictures of a trade and this sidelined our plans. We have mixed emotions on this earmarking. True, we strongly endorse education. In fact we make no secret of the fact we want a stronger education system. However, if we are not operating in the democratic system, we are not operating in the democratic system. With earmarked funds, the system would not be in operation right now!

LL Governor George McMillan addressed this matter Tuesday, in response to a question at the breakfast attended by over 100 people. He said that at the onset he was strongly in favor of earmarking, but Governor James had responded that "George you don't believe in the democratic system we operate under if you think elected lawmakers will desert the schools." Having thought about this a while, we lean further to following James' recommendation. It is a while. If the bottom falls out, then we can elect new legislators and put earmarking back into the constitution. Even with un earmarking, however, there could be some dollar figure for education leaders to work with as a guarantee of at least this much for your minimum program, etc."

During the past several weeks we have been asked, "Why are people against education?" We sometimes shake our head and say we don't know, which is probably closer to the truth but sometimes we try to put the matter into a proper perspective. First, we say that while Paul Hubbard has helped get the teachers big pay raises, etc., he has created an image of money hungry people rather than professional educators. Second, we say that the image of schools is care free, little or no discipline and poor handling of money allocated. People will still want their children educated, and educators could do a great service if they would get out of politics long enough to correct any of these images by either hard work or a good public relations campaign. . . or maybe both.

Tuesday, in Enterprise, some of my friends were carrying me high about the move to move the county seat. I often invite them to "come to the county seat." They are now offering to help me find a place to live in Enterprise after they get the county seat moved and Elba dries up on the vine. All I can do is smile and walk on, but actually they are a long way from moving the county seat.

Earlier this week I overheard an Elba resident commenting that Fern Cox was helping "them" move the county seat to Enterprise. He said so in the paper! Well there is little need to disagree with someone that reads into comments, printed or spoken, the opposite of what was clearly said or written, but if any person will show where I have printed that I wanted the county seat moved to Enterprise, then I will eat those words on the courthouse lawn of the county seat and give them thirty minutes or thirty days to draw a crowd!

During the past several weeks we have been hearing rumors of a "nice, new restaurant" to be built in Elba. We had little more than a rumor but decided this week to put more information together for a possible news story. We contacted the "main man" and eased into a discussion that would have given him the opportunity to confide in us. He so desired but the only comments was that he didn't have anything newsworthy right now. Therefore we don't have any facts but the rumor is becoming stronger and is almost a fact. We will keep you posted.

Those citizens upset with the proposal of the county commissions vote to build a new courthouse in Enterprise and renovate the Elba courthouse because they think it is a move to close down the Elba courthouse needs to study the law a little. We forget the exact figures, but Alabama law reads that if the courthouse is new or extensively renovated it can't be moved for twenty-five years. Now we don't need two jails with double jailers, etc., but we can't get Commissioner Smith to admit that fact.

A friend of ours in Enterprise said a couple of weeks ago he would endorse our proposal of the people voting on a tax for two new courthouses "if we fall on our pettion to move the county seat to Enterprise." Ye ole editor laughed and told him we might take the whole thing away from them if they messed with us much!

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FBLA President

Coffee County Area Vocational Center

c/o New Brockton High School

New Brockton, AL 36551

Miss Nichols

Feted At

Morning Party

The eternal love of Cupid and Psyche was the theme used at a morning party for Miss Carol Nichols, bride-elect of Charles Leonard Mathison.

Mrs. Wailon Sharpless, Mrs. Thomas Miller and Mrs. Oscar Vaughan hosted the event at the Vaughan home on Claxton Avenue Saturday, February 10th.

The traditional red and white valentine motif was used throughout the party rooms. A gold figurine of Cupid surrounded by Chinese evergreen and velvet hearts flanked by red candles in brass holders was used throughout the party rooms.

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Mr. and Mrs.

Lowery Celebrate

Fiftieth

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillis Lowery, of Enterprise, Alabama, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 15, 1979. The couple was married at the home of the bride, the former Miss Velma Lassiter of Troy, Alabama, by Rev. E. L. Eddins, with friends and relatives in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowery have lived in Pike, Barbour, and Coffee Counties where Mr. Lowery was in the insurance business. They have three children: Kenneth Lowery, Atlanta, Georgia; Jim Lowery, Georgia; and Linda Lowery, Alabama.

The organization is Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), which is a national nonprofit vocational education association for students preparing for and interested in careers in business and business education. Nationwide, the organization has more than 100,000 members. Our chapter at Coffee County Area Vocational Center has a membership of 23.

One of the big objectives of our local chapter and other chapters throughout the country is to help business through working with local businesses on local projects that are of benefit to not only FBLA members but to the businesses as well.

One of the big projects being conducted by our chapter this year is Project Awareness, which is a study of the American free enterprise system. Through learning about America's economic system, the members of FBLA are becoming more aware of the important part free enterprise plays in all of our lives. We hope to be able to share the knowledge we are acquiring with others in our community who may not be aware of the importance of free enterprise in preserving the standard of living we are able to enjoy.

Our chapter at Coffee County Area Vocational Center has prepared a presentation which we will be happy to perform for community organizations. We hope that our community will give us an opportunity to show our interest and dedication to preserving this important aspect of American life by cooperating with us. Interested organizations may contact Miss Jan Watson at 894-6681.

Dr. Gibson

To Be Honored

Saturday

Dr. E. L. Gibson will be honored with a reception on Saturday, February 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. He is being honored for his many years of loyalty and service.

This event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, and the public is invited.

Commission Told Monday

Over \$2 Million Needed To Repair Roads In County

At the Coffee County Commission meeting on Monday, February 12, County Engineer Leslie Mullins stated that "we need \$2 million immediately to repair the roads across the county."

"The paved roads in the county are in bad shape due to rough weather," said Mullins, "and some roads are virtually falling apart. County roads 43, 45 and 55 are in real bad condition and we've estimated that plant mix is needed on 41 miles of paved roads immediately. Another 25 miles of roadway need resurfacing and the project will cost over \$2 million."

"The state highway department is trying to help," added Mullins, "but it will take time. The county may have to plow-up some roads and make them dirt roads so they can remain passable."

Monday's meeting, which was highlighted by the passage of a controversial resolution (see related story), began at 10:00 with all the commissioners present.

The first order of business was to open bids on a new car to be used by the Sheriff's Department. Bids were received from Cook Chevrolet - \$3,999.99 or \$6,999.99 with trade-in; Nichols Olds - \$4,424.33 with trade-in; City Auto Sales Chevrolet - \$4,195.00 or \$5,895.00 with trade-in. The commission voted to accept the low bid with approval from Sheriff Grantham.

A delegation of residents from Pineview Village sub-division met with the commission and voiced opposition to a request to close a road in the sub-division. A landowner in the area had requested a road be closed to stop parking spotters, and the state there was no opposition to the closing.

Present to voice opposition and upon hearing the group the commission decided to close the road.

A representative of the state, along with Mayor Steve Funk and Councilman Mickey Weeks, of Kinston, addressed the commission and asked it to consider forming a countywide water authority. There are presently 12 water systems in the county and to combine the systems would be a significant financial savings to all the rural systems. The state spokesman told the commission that the commission agreed to study the matter.

Mr. A. Smith, the State Adult Education Parole and Probation Officer, requested the commission allow him to renovate a jury room into his office at the courthouse in Enterprise. Smith stated the jury room would be moved to a ladies lounge and added his plan had been okayed by the state judges. To separate the office from the courtroom would require the jury room to be moved to a ladies lounge and Smith estimated the cost at \$125. The commission stated it would study the matter immediately so some action could be taken as soon as possible.

County Tax Assessor Mack McKinney met with the commission and recommended the county use a computerized method of printing tax receipts. McKinney stated the computer method would save time and money, because the 30,000 receipts must now be handwritten. The commission stated it must check the legality of paying the cost of the new system before it could approve the computer method.

A letter received by the commission stated that Solid Waste Enterprises would no longer pick up garbage from containers in rural portions of the county. The final scheduled pick up was on February 15. The commission later met with Mr. L. M. Burch of Elba and Burch agreed to pick up the garbage on a three month trial basis. The new contractor will be on the job next week.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission heard Elba Mayor Robert Folsom ask for permission to use city trucks to pick up garbage all the way to the police jurisdiction limits.

Heard Tax Assessor Mack McKinney report tax money collected last year increased 49%; **agreed to allow the Tax Assessor reappraise property every fifth year instead of every year;

**tabled action on granting a 10 year tax remission for Southland Builders on its new factory and hatchery;

**heard Commissioner Max Reeves report the WIC office at the Farm Center was filthy and heard Reeves say, "The arena looks like a hoo pen";

**borrowed \$1390 to make the final payment for property reappraisal;

**approved a request for Clerk Brunese Winston to attend a Clerk's Conference in Birmingham on March 22-23;

**were told CETA workers could not be made to work overtime;

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I honestly think better days are ahead for basketball at Elba High!

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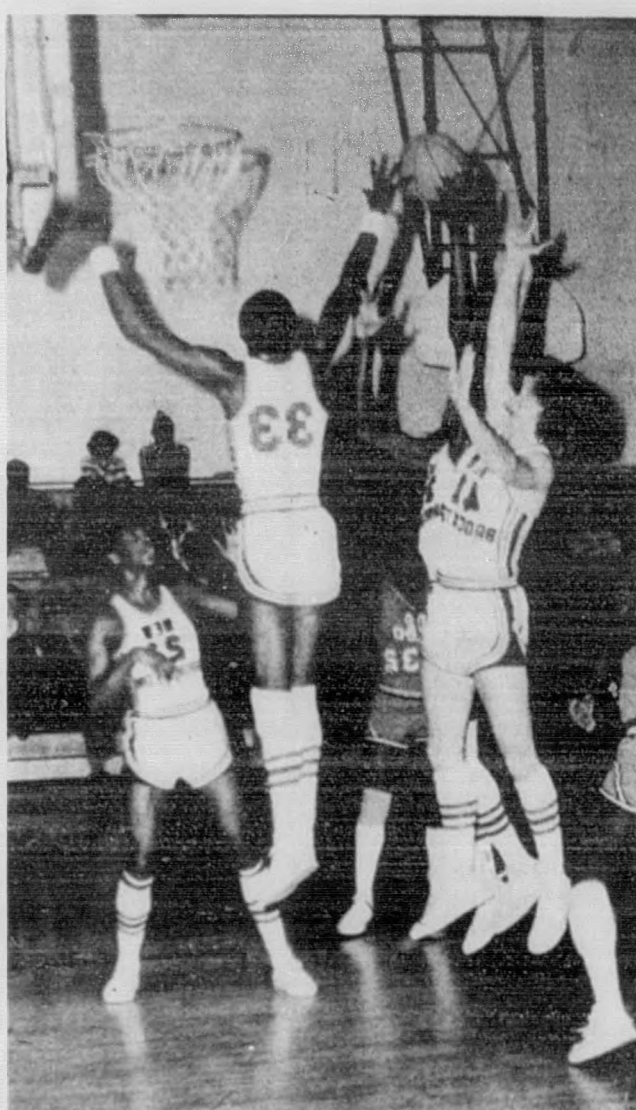
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"Deer Hunter's Spotlight"



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Elba High Observes National VICA Week

The week of February 11-17 is National Vocational Education Week. The Trade and Industrial Sections of the Vocational Department at Elba High School present this article in observance of the occasion. The T & I sections are the Auto Mechanics, Welding, and Co-op programs.

The purpose of the Trade and Industrial Education programs in Elba High School is to develop students for business and industry who have the basic skills, abilities, understanding, working habits, knowledge and information needed to enter and succeed in employment upon graduation from high school. In addition these students should develop good attitudes, pride in workmanship and leadership abilities necessary to any Trade, Industrial or Technical occupation.

The following are brief descriptions of the T & I programs offered at Elba High School.

AUTO MECHANICS

The Automotive Mechanics course at Elba High School is a two-year elective course for 10th through 12th grade students. There are two hour classes each day - two first year classes and one second year class. Students receive one credit for each semester successfully completed.

Both first and second year students receive classroom theory and practical shop experience in the principles of construction, operation, maintenance and overhaul of the different automotive components. First year students receive more training on motor-vehicle while the second year students are engaged in much the same type work but are expected to do in a garage.

The course is designed to teach the basics of automotive maintenance and repair to students who plan to continue their training at a technical college or go directly into the job market after graduation. The course is not limited to just these students. Any student who is interested in acquiring automotive maintenance skills, regardless of his future plans, can take the course and benefit from it.

Credit earned from successful completion of the auto mechanics course at Elba High may be applied toward a diploma from a technical college.

WELDING

Welding is offered as a two-year course at Elba High School. Classes meet for two hours each day. Two credits are awarded for successful completion of each year's work.

First year students receive both classroom theory and hands-on shop experience in these areas: shielded metal arc welding machines and accessories; electrode selection and classification; flame cutting, welding and brazing; joint design and welding terms; reading weld symbols; setting up and operating oxy-acetylene welding equipment; blueprint reading.

Instruction is given in metallic inert gas (MIG) welding, tungsten inert gas (TIG) welding, oxy-acetylene welding, basic metal-joining, and additional training in arc welding.

Co-Op

The Co-op program (formerly called D.O.) at Elba is also a two-year program offering two credits per year for successful completion. It is open to 11th and 12th graders who have an occupation objective set for themselves, that is, those students who are seeking an introduction to and training in a chosen field.

The Co-op program is, as its name suggests, a program of cooperation between the school and the local business community. Students receive one hour per day of related classroom study. This is in the form of individualized study guides which instruct the student in the theory of his chosen field. Students also receive in-classroom instruction in good work attitudes and habits, human relations and communication education. The Co-op students spend a minimum of three hours a week in the job training at various local businesses. This is very valuable training as students are in a real working situation and under the supervision of qualified trainers. These local businesses and women are, in effect, teachers of their trainees and help determine their grade in the Co-op program.

Present Co-op students are in training in a wide variety of fields, which are: Nurse's Aid, Medical Lab Technician, Respiratory Therapy, X-Ray Technology, Office Practice, Auto Mechanics, Drafting, Retail Merchandising, Diesel Mechanics, Auto Body, and Welding.

Local businesses which are currently participating in Co-op training are: Elba General Hospital, Dorsey Trailers, National Security, Cook Chevrolet, City of Elba, Big Bear, Farris Bulldozer, Piggly Wiggly, Marler Farms, Elba Clipper, Martin's, Little Beaver, Mill's Welding Shop, Daniels Gulf. Without the help of these and other local businesses the Co-op program could not exist.

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WHAT VICA IS

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) is a student organization open to all students enrolled in trade, industrial, and technical education courses that are vocationally or occupationally oriented. The Elba High chapter of VICA has 65 members. The general aim of VICA is to develop leadership, character, and citizenship in student members. The local chapter activities are an integral part of the total education program. Since the development of skills alone is not enough in a modern complex society, students must be prepared with the ability to work, live and play together.

The skills contests which VICA members participate in are held annually at the local, district, state, national and international levels. The club finances its travel and club activities by fund-raising events spaced throughout the school year. The VICA members rely on community support for the success of these fund-raising activities.

The Elba High VICA Chapter is a large and an active one. It is made up of students enrolled in Welding Auto Mechanics, and the Co-op programs.

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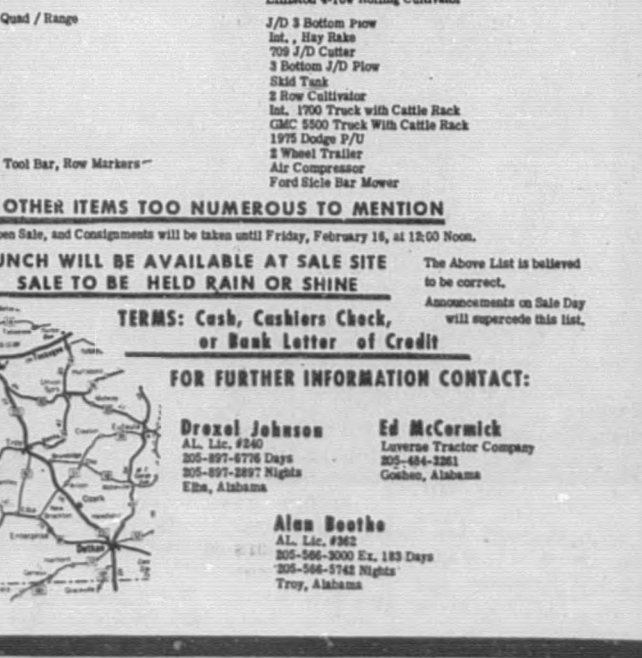
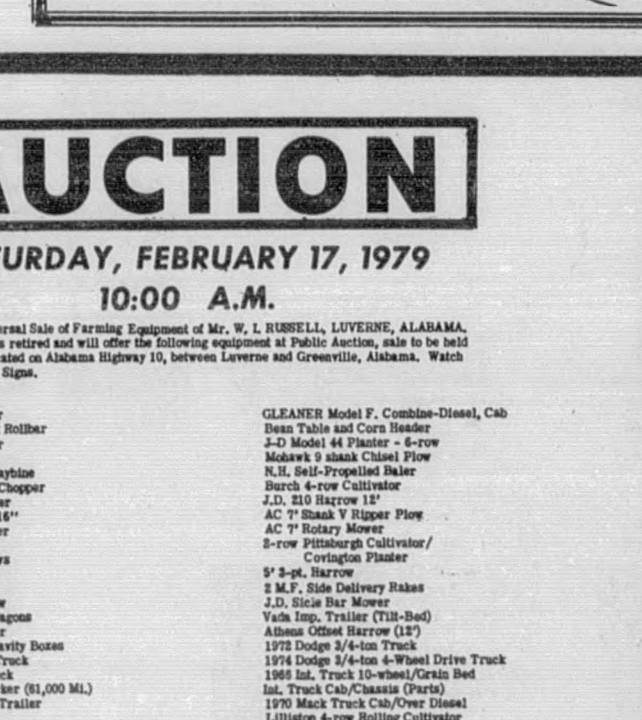
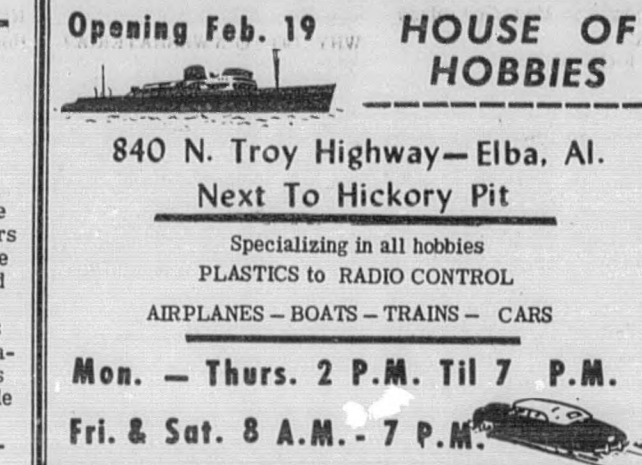
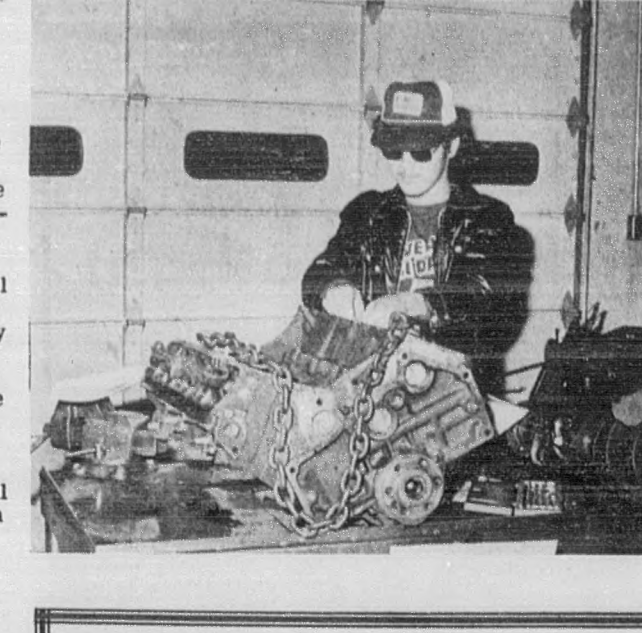
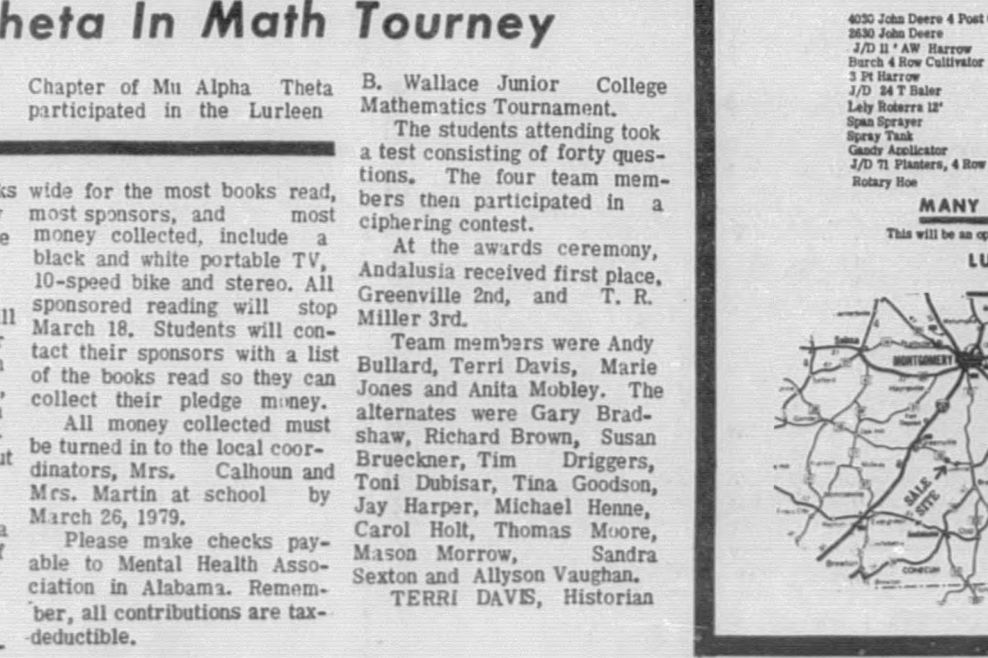
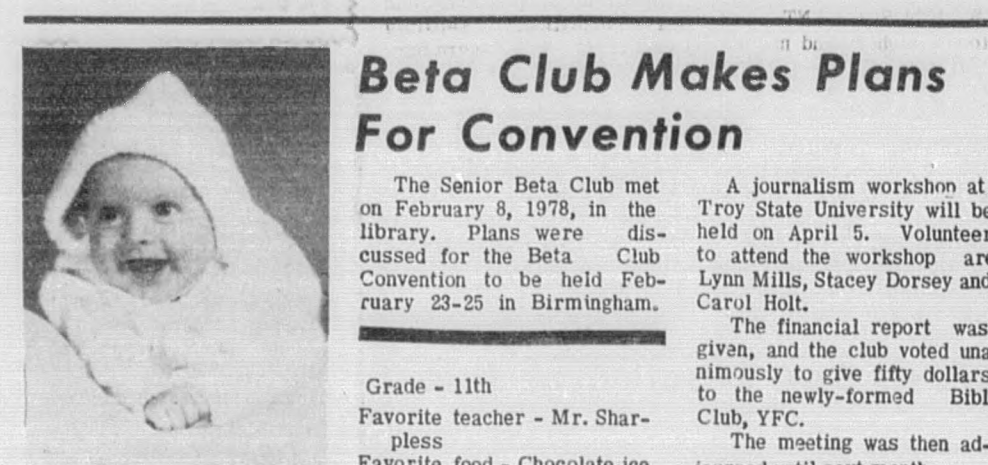
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Local VICA Skills Contests Held

The Elba High VICA Club held its annual local skills contests on February 6 at the Elba High School Vocational Building. Most of the contests were held in Welding, Auto Mechanics, and Nursing Assistance. A total of 115 VICA members participated in these local contests for the honor of representing the club at the District Skills Contests.

Local winners are: Welding-2nd Year Students: 1st place - Thomas Moore, 2nd place - Jeff Hatcher, 3rd place - Joe Les.

Nursing Assistance: 1st place - Lisa Miles, 2nd place - Villa Owens, 3rd place - Perry Barnes, 4th place - Theresa Wambles.

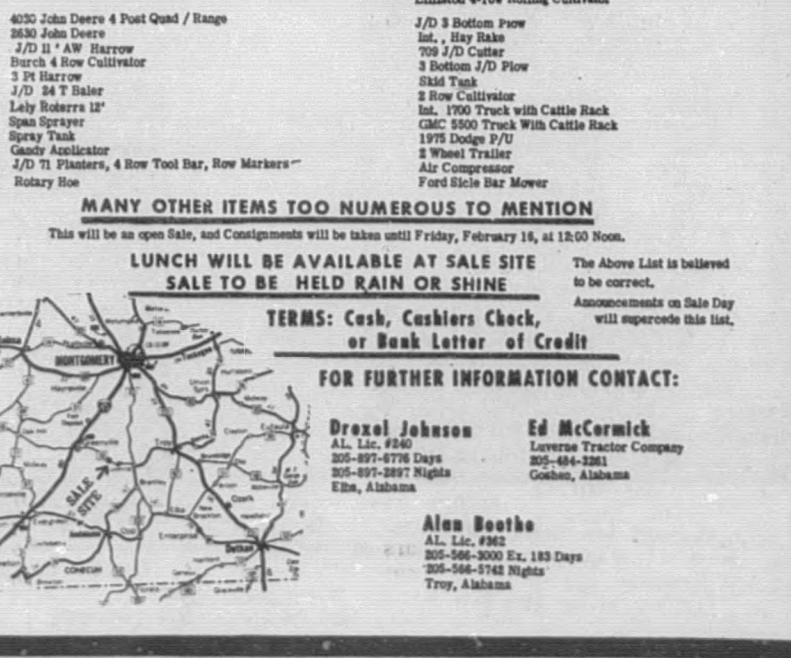
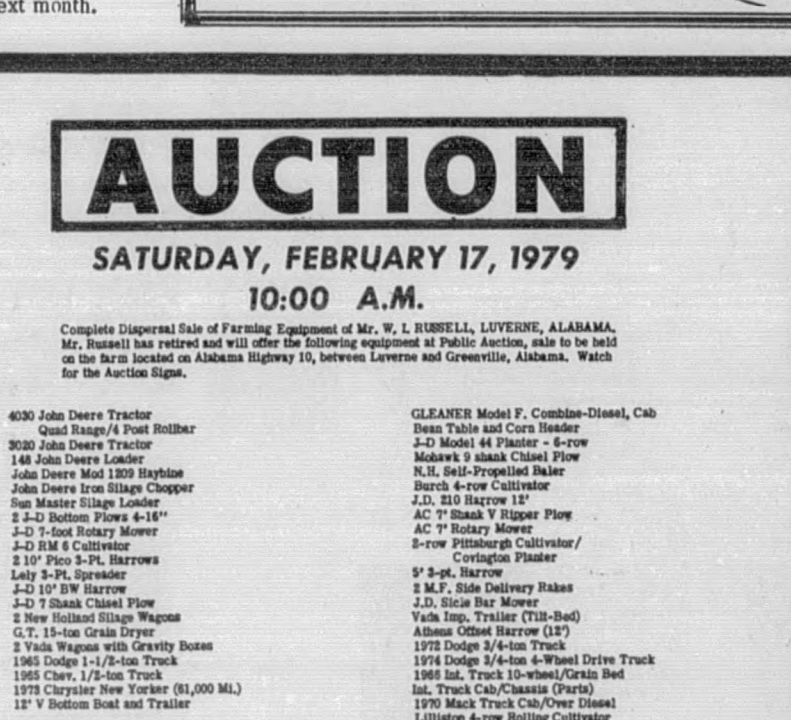
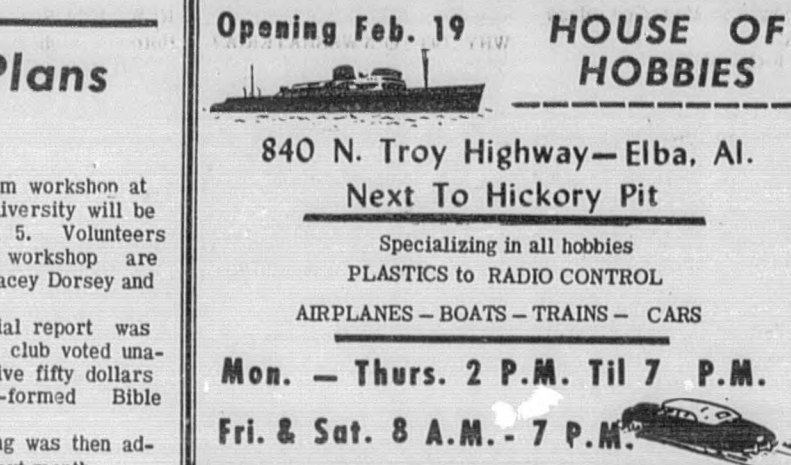
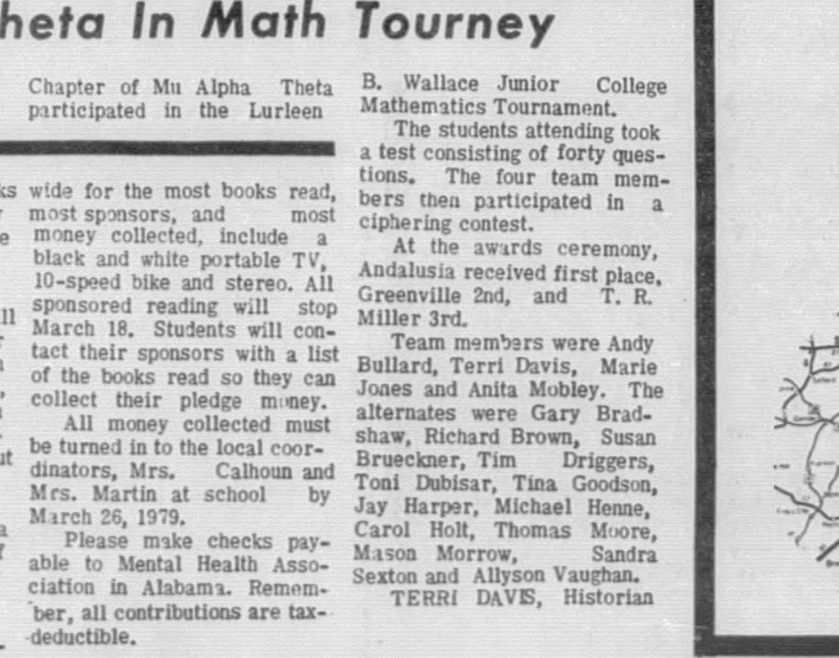
2nd place - Phil Hayes, 3rd place - Shari Bane.

Auto Mechanics - 2nd Year Students: 1st place - Richard Brown, 2nd place - LaWayne Chapell, 3rd place - Mike Sanders.

1st Year Students: 1st place - Thomas Moore, 2nd place - Jeff Hatcher, 3rd place - Joe Les.

Welding-2nd Year Students: 1st place - Bruce Sasser, 2nd place - Andy Bowers, 3rd place - Ricky Harrellson.

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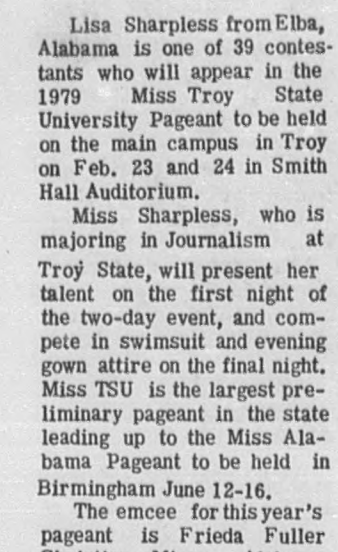
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The Elba Clipper

Miss Sharpless To Compete At Troy



Lisa Sharpless from Elba, Alabama is one of 39 contestants who will appear in the 1979 Miss Troy State University Pageant to be held on the main campus in Troy on Feb. 23 and 24 in Smith Hall Auditorium.

Miss Sharpless, who is majoring in Journalism at Troy State, will present her talent on the first night of the two-day event, and compete in swimsuit and evening gown attire on the final night.

Miss TSU is the largest preliminary pageant in the state leading up to the Miss Alabama Pageant to be held in Birmingham June 12-16.

The emcee for this year's pageant is Frieda Fuller Christian, Miss Alabama 1975 and wife of former Auburn football great Tim Christian.

Contestants are judged on talent, personal interview, swimsuit competition, evening gown and on-stage personality.

The winner of the 1979 Miss TSU becomes an official hostess for Troy State and she represents the school in her official capacity in a wide range of activities around the state.

Past Miss TSU contestants who have gone to the Miss Alabama Pageant include: Heidi Moore, Miss Bessemer 1978; Theresa Harrison, Miss Pike County 1978; Kathryn Landfair, Miss Macon County 1977; Denise Ritter, Miss South Alabama 1977; and Julie Sanford, Miss TSU 1978.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Sharpless of Rt. 5 Elba.

Arts & Crafts Police To Sponsor Exhibit Set Well-Known Band For March 4

The Elba Rescue Squad will sponsor an Arts and Crafts Exhibit on Sunday, March 4, 1979, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Elba Elementary School cafeteria.

All artists and craftsmen of the area are invited to participate in this event, and let their work be publicized.

Entry fees are as follows: Adults - \$2.00; High School students - \$1.00 (Space 6 x 8 ft.); Elementary students - 50¢ (Space 3 x 4 ft.).

Entry blanks may be picked up at Mary Louise's Art Gallery, Craft Hut, both banks and the schools.

The public is invited to this event.

For more information, call 897-2841, 897-6246, 897-2805. Donations will be received at the door for the Rescue Squad.

The Lower Forty Grass, featuring Elba's own Roger Boothe, will be in concert at the Elba High School auditorium on Tuesday night, February 27, at 7:30.

The concert is being sponsored by the Elba Police Department, and admission is only \$2 per person.

The Lower Forty Grass, a Montgomery-based group, is a very versatile musical group that plays bluegrass, country, pop, light rock, or whatever the audience wants to hear! The band started as a group of friends getting together to play music, then turned to performing on a part-time basis, and is now known nationwide as a top musical group.

The group has released three albums, with their initial two LP's being the top-selling albums in Montgomery over the past 12 months. While on tour across the nation, the Lower Forty Grass has appeared with such nationally-known artists as Jim Ed Brown, Hank Williams, Jr., The Kentucky Headhunters, Jerry Clower, Ronnie McDowell and Charlie Pride.

The Elba concert will mark the end of a busy month for the musicians. During February, they have toured Texas and North Alabama, and opened "Country U.S.A." a night club in Montgomery.

"The concert in Elba will be something special for me," said Roger Boothe, "because I'm coming home. The first time I ever sang in front of an audience was on the stage in Elba when I was a senior at Elba High at a Miss Elba contest. It'll be great to be home again!"

Boothe, a former policeman in Elba, is the founder of the group and plays upright bass, sings lead and bass. "I want all my friends to come out," added Boothe, "and we'll all have a good time!"



Holley Urged To Support Library Share Of "Pie"

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Elba Files For \$1/2 Million Grant

The City of Elba filed a pre-application for a "Small Cities" Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on February 12, 1979.

A grant of \$500,000 was again requested to be used to construct storm drainage and reconstruct roads in the McHenry Heights area, to upgrade the public health and safety.

The city should be advised in May 1979 if Elba has been selected to file a full application.

If this advice is received, Elba is almost sure of receiving the grant.

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Council Concerned Over Leaking

The Elba City Council held a short meeting Tuesday night, adjourning within an hour of the time they convened at 7 p.m. All members were present and voting on the routine business presented to the city fathers.

The first order of business was a discussion with representatives of the local Masonic Lodge. They discussed the status of the many leaks in the two-story building occupied by the city and the masons. The council members were told by Worshipful Master Jerry Chandler and other Masonic officers that they had buckets sitting around upstairs to catch the water. They apologized for getting some bids on the repairs and discuss the project at the next meeting.

Police Chief Max Rayborn reported everything was running smoothly in his department. Mayor Folsom reported that work on the levee and hauling of dirt to the recreation department softball diamonds was also running according to schedule.

The Council approved a resolution to allow the Mayor and city clerk to borrow the necessary \$143,770 needed to renovate the old national guard armory.

Folsom also reported on the projected cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a new city garbage truck. The Council will prepare specifications and seek bids on a new truck. Folsom also noted he was checking prices on all metal buildings to use as a shop at the city barn.

Councilman Jimmy Wise noted that this newspaper had recently commended Councilman Cleo Hawkins for the fine job he was doing as free gratis work for the water and sewer department and wanted the Council to be on record to show its appreciation to Hawkins also.

Councilmen Sharpless, Russell and English joined with Mayor Folsom in expressing their thanks to Hawkins, City Clerk



JERRY CHANDLER

Jack Prescott stated that the employees had a good attitude, were doing their respective jobs and the vehicles were in a better state of repair.

A discussion was held on the need for a new motor in the Ford Police Car or a replacement. The nutrition program is using one of the economy cars purchased for the police department and it was agreed for the Mayor and Police Chief to work out something to use this vehicle in emergencies until a promised grant is received to buy a 15 passenger van for the nutrition program.

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Industrial Development Was Theme Of Meeting

Representatives of the Alabama Development Office, Southeastern Alabama Regional Development Office (SEARDO) met in Elba, Thursday the afternoon with representatives of the Elba Industrial Board, City Council, news media, hospital and school officials as well as other interested citizens.

The meeting was put together by Industrial Board Chairman Bob English, who opened the meeting and turned the discussion over to Bill Catheal of Dothan and director of SEARDO.

He told how his organization worked to develop the seven county area and what they could do for Elba. He pointed out that they had just worked with Elba City officials in preparing an application for a massive drainage project to be funded with a 1/2 million dollar federal grant. Also explained to the group was ways of working with state and federal agencies to get other facilities.

Curtis Sumrell of ADO told the group Governor James was committed to industrial development and had instructed ADO personnel to work with the communities through Catheal's office.

Following the afternoon meeting the visiting officials met with the members of the industrial board for a cat-fish dinner and a two hour discussion on the nuts and bolts of industrial development. They were told that the first step to industrial development was to assure a good working relationship with the present industry and then to seek industry that was compatible with present industry or better still one that manufactured materials used by present industry.

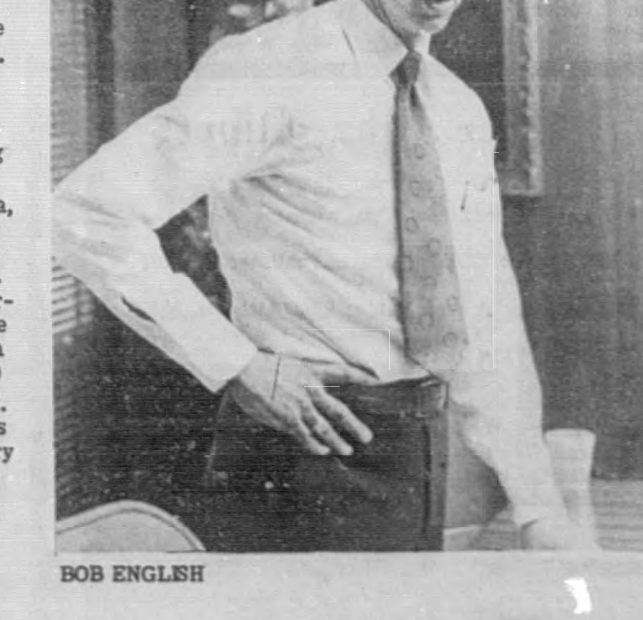


BILL CATHEAL

Hargrove Wins Contest

Miss Beverly Hargrove daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hargrove and a senior at Elba High School was awarded a \$25.00 Saving Bond at the District meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary at Columbus, Alabama on February 12 for winning first place in the Legion sponsored Oratorical Contest. Miss Hargrove will compete in the Division Finals in Andalusia at the Jr. College at 2:00 p.m. on February 21st.

Legion Commander Charles Jackson and Auxiliary President Elaine Thompson urge all interested friends to attend and encourage Elba's own pretty talented young lady.



BOB ENGLISH



POTHOLE PATCHING was underway recently in Elba as City crews take advantage of a break in the wet weather to patch a few of the many potholes that have broken open during recent months.